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48 Male
52 Female
[109]

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1. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/01</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>7/92+</u>	
Headed in the right direction.	34	42	40	41	39	39	72	14	[138]
Off on the wrong track.....	51	48	47	46	48	49	11	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	12	8	10	11	10	10	11	9	
Not sure.....	3	2	3	2	3	2	6	6	
		<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	
		36	36	36	33	41	47	56	
		50	48	48	50	49	43	30	
		12	14	14	14	5	6	9	
		2	2	2	3	5	4	5	
	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>		
	41	43	38	42	49	62	36		
	48	47	50	44	38	22	47		
	8	6	8	9	8	13	14		
	3	3	4	4	5	3	3		
	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>		
	43	44	42	40	52	53	62		
	42	42	43	42	31	28	20		
	13	14	12	14	14	15	14		
	2	-	3	4	3	4	4		
	<u>12/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>5/96+</u>				
	70	72	43	45	28				
	15	11	39	36	52				
	12	11	14	15	15				
	3	6	4	4	8				

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- 2a. For statistical purposes only, will you please tell me how old you are? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	9	50-54.....	9	[139-140]
25-29.....	8	55-59.....	10	
30-34.....	13	60-64.....	7	
35-39.....	7	65-69.....	5	
40-44.....	9	70-74.....	7	
45-49.....	11	75 and over.....	5	
		Refused.....	-	

- 2b. To ensure that we have a representative sample, would you please tell me whether you are from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes, Hispanic.....	11	[141]
No, not Hispanic.....	89	
Not sure/refused.....	-	

- 2c. And again, for statistical purposes only, what is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	76	[142]
Black.....	11	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	3	
Hispanic (VOL).....	8	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

3a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing as president?

	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>11/01</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>6/04+</u>	[143]
Approve.....	48	50	50	49	49	88	45	
Disapprove.....	46	45	44	44	47	7	49	
Not sure.....	6	5	6	7	4	5	6	
		<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	
		47	47	48	45	47	50	
		48	48	46	49	46	46	
		5	5	6	6	7	5	
	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	
	54	58	52	51	49	56	62	
	41	34	41	44	45	38	31	
	6	9	7	5	6	6	7	
	<u>4/03</u>	<u>3/29-30/03</u>	<u>3/23/03</u>	<u>3/17/03</u>	<u>2/03¹</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	
	71	66	67	62	61	54	62	
	23	29	28	33	31	40	33	
	6	5	5	5	8	6	5	
	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>5/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>4/01</u>	
	63	64	67	69	75	74	57	
	31	30	27	23	18	20	22	
	6	6	6	8	7	6	21	

¹ Overnight poll conducted after Colin Powell's speech to the United Nations.

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3b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	[144]
Approve.....	41	46	47	44	45	45	43	
Disapprove.....	53	50	47	51	52	51	52	
Not sure.....	6	4	6	5	3	4	5	
		<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	
		45	41	45	49	48	50	
		49	53	51	45	46	44	
		6	6	4	6	6	5	
	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	
	43	45	47	49	44	47	48	
	52	48	45	42	49	45	44	
	6	7	8	9	7	8	8	
	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	
	48	49	57	61	63	63	52	
	43	43	34	30	27	25	27	
	9	8	9	9	10	12	21	

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3c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that George W. Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	
Approve.....	42	44	46	45	48	44	44	[145]
Disapprove.....	50	50	49	51	46	51	52	
Not sure.....	8	6	5	4	6	5	4	
	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	
	44	43	47	54	56	48	48	
	52	51	48	41	37	47	48	
	4	6	5	5	7	5	4	
	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>4/03</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	
	47	55	63	70	51	57	58	
	46	39	31	24	42	36	35	
	7	6	6	6	7	7	7	
	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>4/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	
	55	62	64	68	81	82	53	
	34	28	28	26	13	12	20	
	11	10	8	6	6	6	27	

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4. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job that Congress is doing?

	<u>4/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>High 9/98</u>	<u>Low 10/90+</u>	
Approve.....	39	41	40	39	46	39	43	61	22	[146]
Disapprove.....	46	40	42	43	41	47	45	28	69	
Not sure.....	15	19	18	18	13	14	11	11	9	
	<u>9/03</u>	<u>7/03</u>	<u>5/03+</u>	<u>1/03</u>	<u>12/02</u>	<u>10/02+</u>	<u>9/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>		
	39	42	43	42	44	44	40	34		
	45	45	43	39	39	40	44	48		
	16	13	14	19	17	16	16	18		
	<u>6/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>12/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	<u>12/00</u>		
	43	54	57	47	43	45	48	55		
	41	29	29	34	33	32	35	30		
	16	17	14	19	24	23	17	15		
	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>		
	49	46	46	43	42	43	48	45		
	35	41	42	46	44	40	36	42		
	16	13	12	11	14	17	16	13		
	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>	
	42	40	43	40	49	41	50	44	48	
	45	49	41	42	38	45	40	42	39	
	13	11	16	18	13	14	10	14	13	

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5. Now I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
George W. Bush							[147]
April 2005.....	28	20	11	16	25	-	
February 2005.....	31	20	9	13	27	-	
January 2005.....	32	19	9	15	25	-	
December 2004.....	31	19	9	13	28	-	
October 2004+.....	36	14	6	13	31	-	
September 2004+.....	36	13	6	12	33	-	
August 2004+.....	33	16	8	12	31	-	
July 2004+.....	29	19	8	13	30	1	
June 2004+.....	33	15	8	14	30	-	
May 2004+.....	30	19	8	13	30	-	
March 2004.....	34	16	8	13	28	-	
January 2004.....	38	17	8	13	24	-	
December 13, 2003.....	35	19	8	15	23	-	
September 2003.....	35	17	9	15	23	1	
July 2003.....	38	21	9	14	17	-	
January 2003.....	36	20	12	16	16	-	
December 2002.....	38	24	14	12	12	-	
October 2002+.....	37	24	11	12	15	1	
January 2001.....	25	25	18	13	17	2	
<i>High</i>							
December 2001.....	54	26	9	6	5	-	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2000+.....	19	26	21	15	17	2	
Bill Frist							[148]
April 2005.....	6	9	19	8	6	52	
May 2003.....	5	10	15	6	2	61	
January 2003.....	7	10	22	3	3	55	
Tom DeLay							[149]
April 2005.....	4	13	18	9	15	41	
January 2005.....	4	13	21	10	10	42	
December 2004.....	3	9	26	7	10	45	
December 2000.....	2	7	19	5	8	59	
July 2000+.....	3	7	18	4	9	59	
July 1999.....	2	7	19	3	4	65	
Michael Jackson							[150]
April 2005.....	1	4	19	16	56	4	

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Q.5 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
Mark McGwire							[151]
April 2005 *.....	6	14	36	19	8	17	
September 1998.....	51	15	17	2	1	14	
Barry Bonds							[152]
April 2005 **.....	5	11	29	17	14	24	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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6. As you may know, the President of the United States is a Republican and Republicans are the majority party in both houses of Congress. Do you think that the Republicans have acted responsibly or do you think that they have NOT acted responsibly when it comes to handling their position and allowing full and fair debate with the Democrats?

Republicans have acted responsibly.....	43	[153]
Republicans have NOT acted responsibly.....	45	
Depends (VOL).....	6	
Not sure.....	6	

7. Which of the following roles would you like to see the Democrats in Congress play?

A/Work in a bipartisan way with Republicans to help pass President Bush's legislative priorities so that we do not have gridlock, OR

B/Provide a balance to make sure that President Bush and the Republicans do not go too far in pushing their agenda.

	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	
Work in a bipartisan way to pass Bush's legislative priorities.....	30	34	33	[154]
Provide a balance so Bush and Republicans don't go too far.....	63	60	57	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	5	5	7	
Not sure.....	2	1	3	

- 8a. As you may know, in the last term of Congress some senators used a procedure called a filibuster when it came to some of President Bush's judicial nominees. When this happens, it takes the votes of sixty senators instead of fifty-one to end debate and hold a confirmation vote for a nominee. In your opinion, should the Senate maintain the filibuster rule or eliminate the filibuster for judicial nominations?

	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	
Should maintain the filibuster.....	50	48	[155]
Should eliminate the filibuster.....	40	39	
Not sure.....	10	13	

- 8b. Overall, how important is it to you whether the U.S. Senate maintains or eliminates the filibuster for judicial nominations--extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not that important?

Extremely important.....	18	[156]
Very important.....	25	
Somewhat important.....	39	
Not that important.....	12	
Not important at all (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	5	

9. When it comes to social and moral issues facing the country, do you think that the federal government should generally be more active or less active?

Should be more active.....	35	[157]
Should be less active.....	54	
Depends (VOL).....	9	
Not sure.....	2	

10. Now I'm going to read you several issues. For each one, please tell me whether you think that Congress should be active and pass legislation and be directly involved in this area, or whether Congress should NOT be active and NOT pass legislation and should NOT be directly involved in this area?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY SHOULD BE ACTIVE

	Should Be Active/Pass Legislation/ Be Directly Involved	Should NOT Be Active/Pass Legislation/ NOT Be Directly Involved	Depends/ Some Of Both (VOL)	Not Sure	
Rules in the workplace that deal with health and safety issues.....	84	12	2	2	[162]
Environmental laws that involve restricting development to protect endangered species.....	80	14	4	2	[163]
Discrimination and affirmative action.....	76	16	5	3	[159]
The right to bear arms **.....	69	24	3	4	[168]
Gun control *.....	68	26	4	2	[167]
Sex and violence on television.....	58	36	5	1	[164]
Stem cell research.....	53	36	6	5	[166]
Parental consent before girls under age eighteen can have an abortion.....	48	47	3	2	[165]
Steroids in baseball.....	37	58	2	3	[161]
Gay marriage.....	34	60	3	3	[158]
Issues of family illness and health, such as the Terri Schiavo case.....	22	71	4	3	[160]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

11. I'm going to list several stories that have been in the news over the past several weeks. Please tell me which one or two of these stories you have followed with the greatest interest. ¹

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

	<u>4/2-3/05</u>	
The Terri Schiavo case.....	47	[169-170]
Gas prices.....	28	>
Social Security.....	27	
The Pope/the Pope's death.....	26	
Developments in Iraq.....	23	
The NCAA basketball tournaments.....	11	
The Michael Jackson trial.....	7	
Steroid use by baseball players.....	5	
Other (VOL).....	1	
None (VOL).....	1	
Not sure.....	-	

¹ Asked only of respondents on April 2-3 (579 respondents).

12. As you may know, a judge in Florida recently ordered the feeding tube to be removed from Terri Schiavo, a woman who suffered brain damage when she had a heart attack fifteen years ago and who recently passed away. From what you know, do you think that removing Terri Schiavo's feeding tube was the right thing to do or the wrong thing to do?

Right thing to do.....	51	[171]
Wrong thing to do.....	38	
Not sure.....	11	

13. In thinking about how they dealt with the Terri Schiavo case, did you gain respect or lose respect for each of the following people or groups, or did it have no effect on your level of respect for them?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY LOST RESPECT

	<u>Gained Respect</u>	<u>Lost Respect</u>	<u>No Effect On Level Of Respect</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
The media.....	13	51	33	3	[174]
Congress *.....	15	50	31	4	[176]
The courts.....	26	46	26	2	[173]
President Bush.....	21	35	41	3	[172]
Religious leaders.....	21	26	48	5	[175]
The Republicans in Congress **.....	13	37	45	5	[178]
The Democrats in Congress **.....	10	31	52	7	[177]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

14. Please tell me which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view when it comes to tax cuts.

Statement A: Federal tax cuts have been worth it, because they have helped strengthen the economy by allowing Americans to keep more of their own money.

Statement B: Federal tax cuts have NOT been worth it because they have increased the deficit and caused cuts in government programs.

Statement A /tax cuts worth it.....	38	[179]
Statement B /tax cuts NOT worth it.....	54	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	4	

- 15a. In general, do you think that it is a good idea or a bad idea to change the Social Security system to allow workers to invest their Social Security contributions in the stock market?

	<u>4/05</u>		<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
Good idea.....	35	CONTINUE	40	40	38	[180]
Bad idea.....	55		51	50	50	
Not sure.....	10	Skip to Q.16	9	10	12	

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY GOOD IDEA OR BAD IDEA IN Q.15a.)

- 15b. When it comes to allowing workers to invest some of their Social Security contributions in the stock market, would you say that your position is completely firm and unlikely to change, or would you say that you are open to changing your mind on this issue?

	Good Idea (Q.15a)		Bad Idea (Q.15a)		
	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	
Position is firm/unlikely to change....	32	31	53	60	[208]
Open to changing mind.....	65	68	45	39	
Not sure.....	3	1	2	1	

16. Do you think that Social Security is generally successful or generally unsuccessful as a program? **(IF "SUCCESSFUL" OR "UNSUCCESSFUL," ASK:)** And do you think that it is very (successful/unsuccessful) or somewhat (successful/unsuccessful)? *

Very successful.....	33	[209]
Somewhat successful.....	41	
Somewhat unsuccessful.....	14	
Very unsuccessful.....	8	
Not sure.....	4	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

17. Please tell me which of the following approaches to dealing with Social Security you would prefer—**(A)** making some adjustments but leaving the Social Security system basically as is and running the risk that the system will fall short of money as more people retire and become eligible for benefits, OR **(B)** changing the Social Security system by allowing people to invest some of their Social Security taxes in private accounts--like I-R-A's or 401k's--and running the risk that some people will lose money in their private accounts due to drops in the stock market?

	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>8/04+¹</u>	<u>1/04</u>	
A /Making some adjustments but leaving the Social Security system basically as is.....	48	50	44	39	43	52	[210]
B /Changing Social Security to allow people to invest some of their Social Security taxes in private accounts.....	40	40	46	45	41	38	
Neither/other(VOL).....	6	5	5	7	8	5	
Depends (VOL)	4	3	2	4	3	1	
Not sure.....	2	2	3	5	5	4	

¹ Prior to August 2004, the phrase, "... like IRAs or 401k's..." was not included.

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18. Which of the following do you think best describes the financial situation of Social Security today--it is in crisis, it is in serious trouble but not in crisis, it is in some trouble, or it is not really in trouble at all?

	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	
In crisis.....	17	17	14	[211]
In serious trouble but not in crisis.....	37	35	38	
In some trouble.....	36	39	38	
Not really in trouble at all.....	7	7	7	
Depends (VOL).....	1	-	1	
Not sure.....	2	2	2	

19. Is there anyone in your family, including yourself, parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles, for whom Social Security currently represents a majority of the income that they receive? **(IF "YES," ASK:) Is that you, or someone else in your family?**

Yes—respondent.....	12	[212]
Yes—family member.....	45	
Yes—both respondent and family member (VOL).....	4	
No, does not represent a majority of anyone's income.....	37	
Not sure.....	2	

20. Do you think that, in general, **(READ ITEM)** is spending too much time, too little time, or the right amount of time dealing with the issue of Social Security?

	Too Much Time	Too Little Time	The Right Amount Of Time	Not Sure	
President Bush.....	29	25	37	9	[213]
Congress.....	14	47	27	12	[214]

21. Which program do you believe is in more trouble and needs more attention from lawmakers--Social Security or Medicare? If you think that neither is in trouble, feel free to say so. *

Social Security.....	23	[215]
Medicare.....	50	
Neither.....	3	
Both equally (VOL).....	19	
Not sure.....	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Turning to the war in Iraq . . .

22. When it comes to the war in Iraq, do you think that removing Saddam Hussein from power was or was not worth the number of U.S. military casualties and the financial cost of the war?

	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	<u>8/04+</u>	<u>7/04+</u>	
Worth it.....	44	44	40	43	41	40	43	43	[216]
Not worth it.....	48	49	52	48	50	52	49	47	
Depends (VOL).....	4	3	3	6	4	3	4	4	
Not sure.....	4	4	5	3	5	5	4	6	
		<u>6/04+</u>	<u>5/04+</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>1/04</u>	<u>12/14/03</u>	<u>12/13/03</u>	<u>11/03</u>	
		40	42	50	52	53	45	45	
		51	47	45	40	37	42	46	
		5	5	1	2	5	6	3	
		4	6	4	5	5	6	5	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

23. Do you think that the United States should maintain its current troop level in Iraq to help secure peace and stability, or should the United States now reduce its number of troops since elections have been held?

	<u>4/05*</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05¹</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
Maintain current troop level.....	43	41	42	45	[217]
Reduce number of troops.....	49	50	48	41	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	4	4	6	9	
Not sure.....	4	5	4	5	

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

¹ Prior to February 2005, the question was phrased, "If Iraq's elections do take place on January thirtieth as planned . . ."

24. And do you feel more confident or less confident that the war in Iraq will come to a successful conclusion?

	<u>4/05</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>10/04+</u>	<u>9/04+</u>	
More confident.....	44	47	41	41	46	37	[218]
Less confident.....	45	43	48	48	41	53	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	6	5	6	6	8	5	
Not sure.....	5	5	5	5	5	5	

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

On some different topics . . .

25a. How much of a role do you believe that the Pope and the Catholic Church play in **(READ ITEM)** in the United States--a major role, a minor role, or no role at all? ¹

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MAJOR ROLE

	<u>Major Role</u>	<u>Minor Role</u>	<u>No Role At All</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Spiritual life.....	55	35	5	5	[431]
Charity and good works.....	52	37	3	8	[433]
Daily life.....	34	55	6	5	[430]
Government and politics.....	22	58	14	6	[432]

¹ Asked only of respondents on April 1-3 (866 respondents).

25b. How important to you is the issue of immigration--extremely important, quite important, somewhat important, or not that important?

Extremely important.....	36	[219]
Quite important.....	23	
Somewhat important.....	30	
Not that important.....	10	
Not important at all (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	1	

26. As you may know, President Bush has proposed to allow foreigners who have jobs but are staying illegally in the United States to apply for legal, temporary-worker status. Do you strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose this proposal?

	<u>4/05</u>	<u>1/04¹</u>	
Strongly favor.....	14	} 40	[220]
Somewhat favor.....	29		
Somewhat oppose.....	20	} 53	
Strongly oppose.....	33		
Depends (VOL).....	2	} 7	
Not sure.....	2		

¹ In January 2004 the question was phrased, "As you may know, President Bush is proposing to allow foreigners who have jobs but are staying illegally in the United States to apply for legal, temporary-worker status. Do you favor or oppose this proposal?"

I'm going to read you several pairs of statements about the issue of immigration. For each pair, please tell me which statement comes closer to your own point of view.

27a. Which of these statements comes closer to your point of view?

Statement A: Immigration adds to our character and strengthens the United States because it brings diversity, new workers, and new creative talent to this country.

Statement B: Immigration detracts from our character and weakens the United States because it puts too many burdens on government services, causes language barriers, and creates housing problems.

Statement A /immigration strengthens the United States.....	41	[221]
Statement B /immigration weakens the United States.....	48	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	10	
Not sure.....	1	

27b. Which of these statements comes closer to your point of view?

Statement A: Immigration is an economic benefit to the United States because immigrant workers fulfill jobs in America that citizens either do not want or cannot do.

Statement B: Immigration is an economic threat to the United States because immigrant workers take jobs that would otherwise be fulfilled by American citizens.

Statement A /immigration is an economic benefit.....	46	[222]
Statement B /immigration is an economic threat.....	45	
Depends/some of both (VOL).....	7	
Not sure.....	2	

28. I'm going to mention several nations around the world. For each one, please tell me whether you think that country poses an immediate military threat to the United States, a long-term military threat, or no real military threat to the United States. *

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY IMMEDIATE OR LONG-TERM MILITARY THREAT

	Immediate Military Threat	Long-Term Military Threat	No Real Military Threat	Not Sure	
North Korea.....	44	38	12	6	[226]
Middle Eastern nations, such as Iran and Syria.....	35	47	14	4	[225]
China.....	17	52	27	4	[223]
Iraq.....	35	30	33	2	[227]
Russia.....	8	34	53	5	[224]
South American and Latin American nations.....	4	13	77	6	[230]
Mexico.....	4	9	84	3	[229]
African nations, such as South Africa and Ethiopia...	2	9	84	5	[228]

* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

29. Are you a fan of professional baseball, or not? ¹

	<u>4/05</u>	<u>3/05</u>	<u>1/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	<u>3/04</u>	<u>11/03</u>	<u>10/03</u>	<u>6/27- 29/03</u>	<u>6/9- 10/03</u>	
Yes, a fan.....	34	39	41	43	36	43	42	36	39	[241]
No, not a fan.....	56	52	52	48	55	49	50	54	50	
Somewhat of a fan (VOL)....	10	9	7	9	9	8	8	10	11	
Not sure.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	<u>11/02</u>	<u>8/02</u>	<u>7/02</u>	<u>6/02</u>	<u>3/02</u>	<u>1/02</u>	<u>11/26- 27/01</u>	<u>11/2- 4/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	
	38	37	37	36	44	36	38	45	35	
	49	54	53	48	46	53	52	44	51	
	13	8	10	16	10	11	10	11	14	
	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	<u>3/01</u>	<u>5/00</u>	<u>4/00</u>	<u>3/00</u>	<u>11/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>10/98</u>	
	46	35	40	45	45	37	40	34	47	
	44	54	48	45	39	53	41	51	39	
	10	11	12	10	16	10	19	15	14	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	<u>9/98</u>	<u>6/98</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>10/95</u>	<u>7/95</u>	<u>5/95</u>	<u>4/95</u>	<u>2/95</u>	<u>1/95</u>	
	45	34	38	34	35	35	32	37	37	
	37	56	52	58	52	55	59	51	55	
	18	10	10	8	13	10	9	12	8	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	<u>10/94</u>	<u>9/94</u>	<u>8/15- 16/94</u>	<u>8/8- 9/94</u>	<u>5/93</u>	<u>2/93</u>				
	39	35	39	35	39	44				
	52	54	51	45	51	49				
	9	11	10	20	10	7				
	-	-	-	-	-	-				

¹ Trend data from The Gallup Poll.

30. Recently there has been a story about some baseball players using steroids to enhance their performance. Has this diminished your opinion of baseball? If you have not followed this story, just say so. **(IF "HAS DIMINISHED OPINION OF BASEBALL," ASK:)** And has this diminished your opinion of baseball a lot or just a little bit?

	<u>4/05**</u>	<u>2/05</u>	<u>12/04</u>	
Yes, diminished opinion a lot.....	23	24	26	[242]
Yes, diminished opinion just a little.....	19	15	13	
No, has not diminished opinion.....	51	48	48	
Have not followed story.....	5	12	12	
Not sure.....	2	1	1	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

31. If it is proven that baseball players such as Mark McGwire and Barry Bonds used steroids, do you think that they should be banned from entering the Baseball Hall of Fame, or not? **

Yes, should be banned.....	49	[243]
No, should not be banned.....	42	
Not sure.....	9	

** Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

32. On another topic, if you had extra money that you wanted to invest, which do you think would be a safer investment--stocks or real estate?

Stocks safer.....	13	[244]
Real estate safer.....	80	
Neither safe (VOL).....	2	
Both equally safe (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	2	

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. Are you currently registered to vote at this address?

Registered.....	85	[255]
Not registered.....	13	
Not sure	2	

- F2. A lot of people are unable to get out and vote for many reasons. Did you happen to vote in the November 2004 election for president? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** For whom did you vote—George W. Bush, John Kerry, or someone else?

Voted		
George W. Bush.....	39	[256]
John Kerry.....	36	
Someone else.....	3	
Refused (VOL).....	4	
Did Not Vote	15	
Not sure.....	3	

- F3. Are you currently employed? **(IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:)** What type of work do you do?
(IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/ manager.....	24	[257-264]
White-collar worker.....	21	
Blue-collar worker.....	14	
Farmer, rancher.....	1	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	4	
Homemaker.....	7	
Retired.....	22	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	3	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	4	

- F4. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	[265-266]
Some high school.....	7	
High school graduate.....	27	
Some college, no degree.....	18	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	12	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	18	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2 or 3 years' postgraduate work/master's degree.....	9	
Doctoral/law degree.....	3	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

- F5. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	21	[267]
Not very strong Democrat.....	10	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	11	
Strictly independent.....	16	
Independent/lean Republican.....	9	
Not very strong Republican.....	9	
Strong Republican.....	17	
Other	4	
Not sure/nothing.....	3	

- F6. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal.....	22	[268]
Moderate.....	41	
Conservative.....	31	
Not sure.....	6	

- F7a. Are you currently single and never married, single and living with a partner, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	18	[269]
Single, living with partner.....	5	
Married.....	58	
Separated.....	1	
Widowed.....	6	
Divorced.....	10	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

- F7b. Are you the parent or primary guardian of any children under the age of 18?

Yes.....	34	[270]
No.....	63	
Not sure/refused.....	3	

- F8. Do you speak any other languages in your household other than English?

Yes.....	19	[271]
No.....	79	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F9a. What is your religion?

Protestant (includes Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and other Christians).....	49	CONTINUE	[272]
Catholic.....	28		
Jewish.....	2	Skip to Q.F10	
Muslim.....	-		
Other.....	9		
None.....	8	CONTINUE	
Not sure/refused.....	4		

(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE PROTESTANT, OTHER, NONE, OR NOT SURE IN Q.F9a.)

F9b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	20	[273]
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	41	
Not sure.....	9	
Catholic/Jewish/Muslim (Q.F9b).....	30	

F10. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or other place of worship?

Never.....	14	[274]
Once a year.....	7	
A few times a year.....	17	
Once a month.....	7	
About twice a month.....	10	
Once a week or more often.....	41	
Not sure.....	4	

F11. Are you a member of a labor union? (IF "NO," ASK:) Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	11	[275]
Labor union household.....	6	
Nonunion household.....	80	
Not sure.....	3	

F12. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	4	[276]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	7	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	10	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	12	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	10	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	18	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	12	
More than \$100,000.....	12	
Not sure/refused.....	15	